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## **Governor Doyle Appoints Johnnie Lee Smith as Emergency Management Administrator**

Governor Jim Doyle today announced the appointment of Johnnie Lee Smith as the Administrator of Wisconsin Emergency Management. He will begin serving October 10, 2004 and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Smith has been serving as the Administrator of the Division of Gaming at the Department of Administration since April 2003. Smith will be replacing Ed Gleason, who resigned effective September 1, 2004.

"Having worked with Johnnie Smith for over seven years, I know he is well qualified to lead Wisconsin Emergency Management," Governor Doyle said. "He is dedicated to his work and has shown leadership in all of his positions, from the Milwaukee Police Department to the Division of Narcotics Enforcement to the Division of Gaming. I am confident that under Johnnie's leadership, Wisconsin Emergency Management will continue as a premier organization that citizens and communities across the state can count on during times of disasters or emergencies."

"I am honored that Governor Doyle has appointed me to serve in this important position," Smith said. "I take this responsibility very seriously, and I will work with other state and local agencies to ensure that Wisconsin citizens and businesses are, to the greatest extent possible, prepared to meet any catastrophic event the state may be faced with."

Smith previously worked as the Administrator for the Division of Narcotics Enforcement at the Department of Justice. Prior to that, he served 29 years with the Milwaukee Police Department and was promoted to Captain in 1989. He received his Associate Degree in Police Science from Milwaukee Area Technical College and his Bachelor of Science from Cardinal Stritch College. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and Northwestern Traffic Institute School of Police Staff & Command. Smith and his wife, Moneg, live in Sun Prairie.

Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) coordinates effective disaster response and recovery efforts in support of local governments. Wisconsin Emergency Management specializes in Hazard Mitigation, Warning & Communications, Emergency Police Services, Disaster Response & Recovery, Hazardous Materials & EPCRA, Radiological Emergency Preparedness, and Exercise & Training for the State of Wisconsin. The position requires Senate confirmation.